

Campaign this summer. Josh completed his physical fitness requirements by playing varsity tennis in high school, after years of hard work to achieve his goal. Josh also took a six week long trip to Israel and Poland to complete his expedition requirements.

Josh should be commended for his commitment to community and his desire to become a future leader. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

**NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING IN NEVADA AND SEMIPALATINSK: SHARED LEGACY, SHARED LESSONS**

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the symposium, Nuclear Weapons Testing in Nevada and Semipalatinsk: Shared Legacy, Shared Lessons, Ambassador Saudabayev and I expressed our concern over the continuous proliferation of nuclear weapons in the world, and therefore, declare the following:

During the cold war, in the second part of the 20th century, the lands of Nevada and Kazakhstan became sites for nuclear weapons testing by the United States and the Soviet Union, and many of our citizens became victims of the radioactive fallout and other contaminants that resulted from the testing. These people tragically came to know the destructive force of weapons of mass destruction. As a result of 928 nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site, along with more tests at other U.S. proving grounds, and 456 nuclear tests at the Semipalatinsk Test Site, many thousands of innocent Americans and Kazakhs suffered. Many continue to this day to suffer the consequences of nuclear testing.

In 1991, the people of Kazakhstan, under the leadership of President Nursultan Nazarbayev, permanently shut down the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site and took the courageous decision to voluntarily renounce the world's fourth largest nuclear arsenal. Kazakhstan has so far remained the only country to make such a decisive and wise move which showed the way to a safer world. The United States, at the direction of both Democratic and Republican presidents, has maintained a moratorium on nuclear testing, has reduced its nuclear arsenal, and has aided in decommissioning nuclear weapons abroad.

Unfortunately, the age of nuclear weapons development has not ended. To the contrary, the specter of nuclear weapons is spreading. Today, the aspirations of a number of countries, and of international terrorist organizations, to acquire nuclear weapons are becoming ever more threatening to the future of humankind. Against this background, we are grateful to Kazakhstan for its outstanding contribution to global security. Kazakhstan's leadership and its cooperation with the United States to advance the cause of nonproliferation should serve as an example for other countries. The victims of nuclear testing in Nevada and Semipalatinsk are eternal reminders to the nations of the world to reject developing nuclear weapons, the modern Sword of Damocles that has imperiled humanity for too long, and to join together to rid the world of the threat of nuclear holocaust.

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We are most pleased to report that today's Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada is another step toward further empowering the people of the United States and Kazakhstan to lead all people away from the threat of nuclear weapons, and redress the consequences of earlier nuclear testing. We pledge to work together to strengthen international cooperation to achieve nonproliferation, as we recognize this is the only path we can take to make our planet safe for all nations to pursue a better future for their people.

**TRIBUTE TO FATHER LUKE PALUMBIS**

**HON. RICHARD W. POMBO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct honor of welcoming Father Luke Palumbis to offer the Morning Prayer in the Chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives. Today marks the first day of summer and indeed the sun is shining down upon the Capitol as we open the morning hour, as we do each day the House of Representatives is in session, with a prayer to express our tremendous gratitude and to instill the strength to act resolutely and with sound judgment with the day's proceedings.

I am pleased to have Father Palumbis here to give thanks and prayer to the proceedings of the House. He has taken the time to fly from Stockton, California, where he serves the Greek Orthodox community of Saint Basil. This is a historic occasion as it is the first time an Orthodox clergyman from the west coast has given the Morning Prayer, and I am pleased he comes from California's 11th Congressional district.

A canonically ordained priest of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Father Palumbis graduated from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, in Brookline, MA, with a Master in Divinity in 2003, and is currently enrolled in a Master in Theology Thesis program at the same institution. Previously Father Palumbis attended the University of Portland, in Portland, OR, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and was a member of the university's intercollegiate basketball team.

Father Palumbis is married to his wife Eleni Palumbis and they are awaiting the birth of their first child next month. I wish them both the very best of health and happiness back home in Stockton.

**CONGRATULATING BUD FAYE**

**HON. ROB SIMMONS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my good friend, Bud Faye of Groton, Connecticut for his being recognized as the 2005 Connecticut Small-Business Champion by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). I have long consid-

ered Bud to be a shining example of what an American small business owner should be, so I am glad that NFIB has recognized his successful career with this prestigious award.

For 22 years, Bud has owned Pop and Mum's Restaurant-Car Wash-Laundromat and Dry Cleaning in Groton. Here, one of his proudest innovations was establishing a link between the gas dryers used in his laundromat and the hot water supply for this car wash. As a result, on a busy day he can rely on the excess heat from the dryers in use to heat the hot water for the car wash operation.

When he is not running his business, Bud is active in the community, co-chairing the Groton Business Association and the Military Community Council. He was the driving force behind the formation of the NFIB/Connecticut Southeastern Area Action Council—a group of active small-business owners in southeastern Connecticut. Bud even worked to make computers at a local high school available so residents of a local retirement home can e-mail friends and family. These efforts have consistently helped make southeastern Connecticut a better place not only to do business, but to live.

In addition to his work in these areas, the people of Connecticut and in fact the entire nation will long be indebted to Bud for his tireless efforts to help save the Groton-New London Naval Submarine Base from closure. First in 1993 and again in 2005, Bud helped to form and lead a group of local business owners and community leaders who lobbied against the base closure plan—a plan that would have led to the loss of tens of thousands of jobs and removed billions of dollars from Connecticut's economy. Bud's efforts clearly demonstrated deep local support for the base, which was an important factor when the decision was made to keep it open.

Each year, NFIB singles out a small-business owner in all 50 States for special recognition and honors them with its prestigious Small-Business Champion award. Bud Faye is a worthy recipient of this award, and I am proud to add my voice to the countless others that have thanked him for helping make Groton a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you, Bud, and congratulations.

**TRIBUTE TO ROGER S. MEIER**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a distinguished American, Roger S. Meier, who died on June 5, 2006 at the age of 80.

Mr. Meier, a fourth-generation Oregonian who lived most of his life in Portland, was a descendant of the founders of the Meier & Frank Company. He graduated from Yale University and married Laura Schwartz of New York City in 1952. He worked at Meier & Frank as a director and vice president until the store was sold to the May Company in 1965.

Mr. Meier was the president and chief executive officer of AMCO, Inc., a privately owned investment company for more than 30 years. The Governor of Oregon appointed him to the Public Employees' Retirement Board in 1970,